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MAN OF A WOMAN BORN;
To be ruled by her,
Twice over thus.

WHEN YOU hear the postmistress say, "Oh, this town has gone to the bewitching look of its teeth."

HAPPY is he who lives in a woman's smile.
Disperses his food, and smokes without guilt.

"WE ALL have our bad days," sighed the drake in the duck, as they rose to the wing at the pop of the gun.

DO YOUR Christmas shopping early. It is also important to the advertiser to do his advertising early or he will not have any Christmas shopping!

THE LOCAL Chamber of Commerce should ask Santa Fe for the loan of one of its lyric artists from the winter colony so an ode could be written and published in the Courier on the lines of the Tres Hermanas coming into their own.

ONE HAS frequently heard of Eugene Field's "When the frost is on the pumpkin," etc., and it is indeed very good. But these Arctic or Antarctic mornings twist it to sound. When the ice is in the wash-basin, etc.

THIS WEEK the U. S. Market, adjoining the postoffice, is selling luxurious watermelons and succulent cysters. It reminds one of a sign over the front door of an establishment at Owensburg, Ky., which reads, "Hard Coal and Soft Drinks."

A SCREECH-OWL, abroad in the mesquite,
Doing his duty as he saw it,
Fell for bandits' lures of night-birds.

For revenge now, he's chasing the town-ids.

GOOD MORNING, JUDGE

T. J. O'Leary, U. S. Commissioner of the U. S. Customs at El Paso, is a few moments later, Justice of the Peace for and in Precinct No. 5, which is interpreted for the safety, means in Columbus, N. M., has a record for fines which, with the exception of one time, would give Judge Newman Mountain Landis the shingles. For instance, a short time ago his honor had before him a nondescript vagrant charged with the violation of the recently rewritten city statutes and looking over his "spec" at the vagrant he pronounced a sentence which to the subject meant much. His honor qualified his judicial act by adding that he had only pity for the man, but that the majority of the law must be upheld. The victim turned nervously in one of the Fernworth & Galloway upholstery, and remarked to the spectators: "Honest to goodness, I've sure glad the judge wasn't mad at me!"

TIN CHIEF

In Denning there is a red-headed freckled-faced tritunian who writes poetry, sonnets and editorials. There is his latest editorial and he has to pay to get a Denning newspaper to print it. The Courier will gladly publish his "stuff" for nothing, say will pay for it, if he drops the last paragraph or two. But it is cruel to the reader, and it is likely to cause a family "fuss" to get started on an article of this kind that progresses merit and then run into a climax that winds up as this one does, as they all do.

PHONES AND RAISINS

"The greatest power in the United States frequently falls into the hands of those whom the people never elected and can not remove from office. Who was the most powerful man in this country during the great world war? Not the president, nor any cabinet officer, nor a military or naval commander, but the American Dime, the American Dime, the American Dime. This great Jew had the bad word when it came to saying who received the materials for producing the war, whether the army or the navy or the allies would be allowed to have them.

"Now the innocent prints and the suggestive prints are brought with-

in the jurisdiction of the state of the federal law. Perhaps hereafter prizes and medals will be sold only at bonded warehouses. Or will the homeward when purchasing a bag of those be placed under bond not to violate the Volstead Act. And as a leading journal remarks, "Some Americans still believe that no tyranny is so hateful as a once representative democracy in which self-government has been succeeded by state supervision of purely innocent personal habits and movement by law has given way to government by the rulings of petty officials."

"The question is a technical one which does not concern us here as we are not handling pennies, raising or any so-called 'makings' for home brew, but we can assure our patrons that they are still within their rights and in no danger of molestation when purchasing (and here this sublime forerunner for an easy chair and deep meditation goes on to tell what John O'Leary has for sale at his corner in Denning. Who cares what John O'Leary has for sale, the reader wants to hear more about Barney Baruch).

TWENTY DAKOTA BANKS CLOSE

A few years ago "the people" of the Dakotas harkened to the vapors of misguided and dissatisfied theoretical politicians and voting a so-called non-partisan ticket, which in reality was all partisan, practically turned the Dakotas over to a bunch of long-hairs, composed of radicals, co-operators, extremists. War came, prices were skyhigh and everything was in the rosy. The legislatures declared for state banks, state newspapers. The former, the backbone of the Dakotas was in his glory. He could and did borrow up in the full value, practically, of his fee simple in the land, and also upon the stock running loose. Farmers in every community with this easy money bought stock in every conceivable enterprise that smacked of co-operation. The story of the climax, and there is always a climax for every good story, is that like puppets the banks, the newspapers and the co-operative enterprises are falling with as much precision every day as if a bowling artist had struck the center pin in the center. In the last 30 days twenty banks have shut up shop and twenty newspapers likewise.

Outside help is lacking, the farm and cattle raising companies having been driven from the field before the war and since pro-war conditions now obtain and the state or states are in the hands of this non-partisan league, it is doubtful if any help will be extended. Farm loan investors will stay at the Dakotas for a few years to come and as a result farm land is in the hands of a few. If you address the Director, U. S. then to the homestead value. Farm tenants, and there are many farm tenants in that country, are leaving the Dakotas with every train, like-wise the small land owner, and in their grips they carry prettily printed or engraved stock certificates.

No wonder the banks are closing.

SAYS FEW WORDS ABOUT GOV.

Pecos, Dec. 4.—Resolutions condemning the action of Gov. Larrabee in attempting to pardon the 16 Villistas who participated in the "raid" on Columbus, as "an insult to the military profession and a menace to all border towns" were adopted at the annual meeting of the Richard D. Brinsley post of the American Legion.

HOW ABOUT ENCHILADAS?

Isn't it about time for some of the enterprising ladies looking for church or other funds to give an enchilada supper? Numerous benevolent and business who formerly were patrons of the Bar restaurant have appealed to the Courier to "start" something. About the only way the Courier can start anything is to publicly ask some of the ladies "to have a heart!"

NAMES SOUND FAMILIAR

Dr. R. M. Marshall and Dr. J. C. Masters have opened offices above the American Grocery for the practice of medicine.—Tampico, Mexico, Tribune.

OPEN WAY TO A CONSOLIDATION

The way is now open for a consolidation of the state's educational institutions, removal of the penitentiary management from politics and the establishment of considerable industrial works. The inauguration of the school for the blind and the school for the deaf and dumb and one institution at Alamogordo and the transfer of the reform school at El Paso to Santa Fe, using for it the old deaf-mute school buildings. At once there are the remonstrances of the revenue commission, which is a most economical body for the educational, penal, reformatory and charitable institutions.

For the purpose of arriving at a definite conclusion the thirteen state institutions are grouped under three heads: the educational, which includes the Agricultural college, the University, the School of Mines, the Las Vegas, Silver City and El Rito normals, and the Military Institute; second, the charitable, including the Minors' Hospital, the Deaf and Dumb asylum, the Blind asylum, and the insane asylum; and third, the penal, consisting of the penitentiary and the reform school.

The educational establishments are again subdivided into three classes: First the Agricultural college, the University and the School of Mines; second, the Las Vegas, Silver City and El Rito normals; and third, the Military Institute. The commission later recommends that the first named schools be consolidated into one establishment and that the three normals be merged into one or possibly two institutions.

Reduce Minors' Hospital.

The commission points out early in its consideration of the institutions that there is little objection to maintenance of adequate penal and charitable institutions with the possible exception of the Minors' hospital at El Rito. It is shown that the institution receives about \$25,000 a year from legislative appropriations and the income from lands, but that the large coal companies which virtually control operations in the Colfax county fields maintain their own hospitals, which are open to all employees upon the payment of a moderate fee. The commission believes the El Rito hospital is unnecessary in the nature of a local institution and while it favors its continuance, feels that the direct legislative appropriation from the state should be reduced.

Penitentiary Never Managed Right.

Governing the penitentiary, the report says: "We are convinced that the institution is not being conducted in a manner anywhere near approaching the proper standard now attained for such institutions." It further says it should be taken out of politics.

WANT VALUABLE GYPSUM BOOK

Down from \$120 to \$100 in 50¢ and S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., his department will mail you free of all charges a book telling you about the many gypsum deposits in the state of New Mexico. Gypsum is the rock used for making plaster of paris and hard wall plaster, and it is also an ingredient of Portland cement and is used as a fertilizer. Gypsum is distributed from New York to California and from Michigan to Texas. The deposits in some states are so small that they may be worked out in a few years; those in other states, like Wyoming and New Mexico, consist of thick beds that crop out at the surface for hundreds of miles and are seemingly inexhaustible. This book contains 225 pages and has a number of illustrations and includes a technical discussion of the physical and chemical properties of gypsum, a classification of the deposits of uric acid, a history of the gypsum industry in the United States, and a brief description of processes of mining and milling, as well as a bibliography, but it consists of the deposits by states, written by state geologists and others who are thoroughly familiar with them.

BEWARE OF IMPOSTERS.

It is indeed sad to think that men will become so depraved that they will graft upon the distress of the starving and freezing children in the far east. At least a dozen imposters soliciting funds for orphans in the war-torn countries have been arrested in the United States in the last ten days. We have one now in the Clayton jail and are on the track of others.

We are not endorsing anyone but a citizen of New Mexico to solicit for the near-east in New Mexico. If anyone appears at your store or home require them to show their credentials. Letters should show any signature and it should be dated from Clayton, N. M.

H. R. Mills, State Director.

HAWK'S FAMOUS CUT GLASS.

Ben Lebow is coloring his stock of cut glass preparatory to going out of business. He is selling out every thing—store building and fixtures and stock. His stock was purchased before the war and he is selling it out now at pre-war prices.

All merchandise upon which deposits have been paid must be redeemed in thirty days.



All watches and jewelry left for repairs will be held for thirty days.

Only 12 Shopping Days Till Christmas!

Now is the opportune time to buy your many Christmas Gifts from a reliable jewelry stock at closing-out prices. You can buy

Watches, Diamonds, Cut Glass, Jewelry, Novelties, Etc.,

at prices that you will seldom find at Christmas time. I am preparing to leave Columbus, and am taking this opportunity to reduce my stock as low as possible.

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

B. Lebow & Co.

Jewelers and Silversmiths

Weakened by Earthquake, Propped Up by Timbers



Buildings in Jalapa, capital of the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico, thrown out of plumb by the recent earthquake are shown propped up to prevent collapse. Vehicular traffic has been suspended on the thoroughfares thus affected for fear the least vibration would bring the weakened buildings down.

VICTIM OF AUTO ACCIDENT.

Baylee Shattuck Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson D. Simmons of Silver City, who had been in the United States navy since last August, being stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, Chicago, was the victim of a fatal accident November 21. The body was sent home for burial, arriving last Thursday. The funeral was held that afternoon from the W. S. Cox Inc., undertaking parlors, burial being in the City cemetery. Rev. F. C. Harding, Methodist pastor, conducted the services. The casket was draped in a large American flag, and four former ex-servicemen acted as pallbearers. Surviving the deceased besides his parents are the following brothers and sisters: Bonnie P., Thomas W., Samuel and Henry, all of Buckhorn; Mrs. J. W. Minor of Phoenix, Arizona; Armand J. of Gila; Pascal R. of Yreone; Stanley H. of Hanover; and D. D. of Arima. All were present at the funeral except Mrs. Minor.

Why Worry About Your Washing?

Call up Phone 25, that means our laundry, and our auto will call. We have just put in the latest machines for ironing collars. Our work is as good or better than what you get in El Paso.

Columbus Steam Laundry

J. F. VINSON, Manager.

TRACY GIVES ADVICE

Should you be an individual who complains about the poor class of workmanship obtainable at your garage, and the high prices charged, and the high cost of parts, get some good oil, grease and polish at the Columbus Filling Station and spend Sunday morning filling grease cups, drain crank case, polish up the chains, etc., and you will have some fine looking car that runs like a top and oil down the throat.

COLUMBUS FILLING STATION

Columbus Electric Shoe Shop

We are never too busy to do your Shoe Repairing. Come in, We'll give you a QUALITY JOB.

W. A. WAKEFIELD, Proprietor